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Applicant:

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For:

FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A CIGARETTE AND METHOD OF

PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 October 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement dated September 28, 2004, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Response includes:

Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.